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Any food safety plan must include safeguards for animals; this includes more humane treatment and more hygienic treatment and conditions for farm animals.

The problems with food animal production include overcrowding, stressful procedures and conditions, chicken litter and feces in feed, diseased animals used in food, use of antibiotics and other drugs, and inhumane, unhygienic transport and slaughter. These issues need to be addressed in any discussion of food safety. Also, regulatory authority at the production level must be expanded; adequate funding for this expansion should be actively sought.

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